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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Valery M. Dubin, et al.

Serial No. 09/753,256

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: **Interconnect Structures and a Method of
Electroless Introduction of Interconnect
Structures**

Examiner: Thai, Luan C.

Art Unit 2827

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Amendments - No Fee
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A method comprising:

forming a portion of an interconnect structure in an opening through a dielectric over a contact point; and

forming a conductive shunt structure adjacent the portion of the interconnect structure through a chemically-induced oxidation-reduction reaction comprising introducing a shunt material precursor in the presence of an alkaline metal-free reducing agent.

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein forming the shunt structure comprises introducing the shunt material precursor in the presence of a non-metallic chelating agent.

3. (Amended)

The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
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Total Claims	30	32*	=	0	X	18.00	=	\$0.00	FeePaid
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920 *	112	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
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119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
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